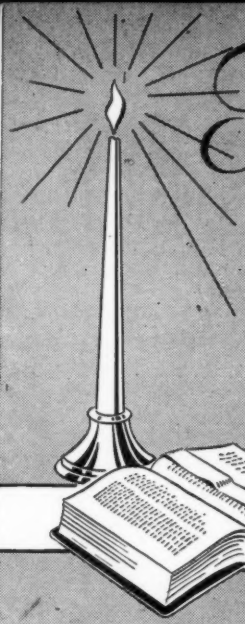


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## RIVERSIDE, GEORGIA, CHURCH OF GOD



*The work, begun here in 1937, has grown to a membership of over two hundred, with a Sunday School attendance of nearly three hundred, and this nice brick building. God continues to bless the church and their good pastor, Rev. G. R. Watson.*

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In 1937, a few faithful women, who loved the Church of God, asked Brother U. D. Tidwell, then pastor of the Atlanta church, to put a tent in the Riverside section. Brother Tidwell had an appointment to run a revival in another city but put up the tent and preached about a week and left it with Brother G. R. Watson. The meeting ran six and one-half weeks (until the Assembly). The little town was stirred, people were reading their Bibles to find out about this new doctrine. Some of the roughest men in the community were saved. Services were held in the homes but the people wanted a church—yes, a Church of God, in their

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from the  
**GENERAL OVERSEER'S DESK**

I have received a letter from Brother O. C. Crank, overseer of Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia, in which he reports a glorious camp meeting for them. In the near future, I want to give you an account of the camp meetings that I have attended, but would like to quote from Brother Crank's letter, as it fitly describes the camp meeting there.

"Our camp meeting closed with a great spirit of unity and fellowship prevailing among the ministers and members of this territory. According to all reports, it was the best, both spiritually and financially, of all

community. Most all the people were poor and Brother Watson was working on a job, but the church was started by faith in the Lord. It was truly wonderful how God undertook and how the people worked. If you would ask Brother Watson, he would say that the Riverside people are the very best on earth. In two years' time, there were two hundred members taken in. God has wonderfully blessed this church. Brother Watson built and pastored the church for five years, was sent to Missouri as state overseer for four years, and then came back to Riverside. He and the members have great plans for the future. The church building is 36x86 (including vestibule), brick with stained glass windows, with two prayer rooms back of auditorium

camps Maryland has ever experienced.

"Some of the results are: fifty or more converted, twenty filled with the Holy Ghost, and seventeen added to the Church.

"We had a great mission service. The offering was \$5,000. We had an offering for the Orphanage of \$1,000!

"May the Lord bless, guide and direct you in your overseership of the Church of God."

I do appreciate this kind and good letter from Brother Crank and am thankful for the mercies and graciousness of God to us in giving us a great Maryland camp meeting.

which are also used as Sunday School rooms. The basement has four Sunday School rooms, evangelist's apartment and pastor's study. The Sunday School attendance averages two hundred sixty.

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# Receive Ye the Holy Ghost

By Rev. Chas. W. Conn

John 20:22, "... He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

## NOT NATURAL, BUT SPIRITUAL

With startling suddenness the risen Christ appeared to His disciples, who were in the midst of their evening worship. They had not been prepared to see such an overwhelming spectacle, so they sat speechless—glowing in the light of His awesome splendor and thrilling to the intimate embrace of His voice. The sound of His voice again strengthened them, and the character of His words amazed them. First, His words were a typical proclamation of peace, and then He endowed them with the holy commission. After that—while the disciples sat expectant and transfixed—He stooped forward and breathed on them. And with that symbol He signified to them that they were not natural creatures, but spiritual children. This was a recurrence of the creation act (Gen. 2:7) when God breathed into the nostrils of Adam and Adam became a natural man. Jesus now breathed on them to signify their spiritual birth: they were not natural, but spiritual. This was not their new birth (which they had received long before), but it was a revelation to them of their spiritual timbre, a sign to them that they were now qualified to receive spiritual things.



A natural man cannot receive the things of God; therefore, Jesus gave His disciples this impressive sign of their recipiency of spiritual fulness. Then He stood erect. In a rousing tone, to emphasize the meaning of His sign, Jesus ordered them: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." By His action and order Jesus had told those surprised

disciples, "You are not natural, not carnal, but spiritual. Being thus, you can now be absorbed in the Spirit. Step out. Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Oh, the life-giving, soul-thrilling breath of Jesus, which maketh men vessels of honor for the Spirit! If it so be that the breath of Christ has stirred your soul, YOU hear His order: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

## THE QUESTION—HOW?

The disciples did not understand how this was to be done. They refrained from questioning Jesus concerning His order, but waited for further word from Him. They were content to follow His directions. He knew. Approach some believer today with the suggestion that he receive the Holy Ghost and the question will usually come, "How? How can I receive the Holy Ghost?" Well, there are definite, stated conditions to be met; these conditions had to be met by the disciples; these conditions must be met by all who receive the Holy Ghost today. If you are a Christian and have not yet received the Holy Spirit into your life, you should know that *there is a reason*.

Receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost is not a matter of chance. His influx is not determined by some haphazard system or some unfair catering to a predestined few. His blessed presence is for *all* believers, and it is the express desire of Jesus that YOU be baptized in the Holy Ghost. "Yes, I know," you say, "but HOW?"

## 1. SEPARATION FROM SIN

"Receive ye the Holy Ghost." But not with sin in your heart. If you have not yet been born again, if sin is still in your life, if you are a carnal man, you CANNOT receive the Spirit's baptism. 1 Cor. 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." It is absolutely impossible for an unconverted man to receive the Holy Ghost. If you are unregenerate, pray God to forgive your sins, pray God to save your soul, pray God to make you a worthy receptacle of the Spirit.

John 14:16, 17, "... the Father ... shall give you ... the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive. ..." Note that: the world not only WILL NOT receive Him, they CANNOT receive Him. Why is it impossible for a person of sin to receive Him? "... because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him. ..." Could it be plainer? To receive the Holy Ghost you must first have a definite separation from sin. If sin is in your heart, He cannot, He will not baptize you with His presence.

Romans 8:9, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." Just as the presence of the Spirit is proof that a man is not of the flesh, it is proved that if he is of the flesh the Spirit is *not* there. The Holy Spirit and sin cannot abide in the same heart. There must be entire cleavage from the world before you can receive the Holy Ghost. It is absolutely futile for you to seek Him until that separation is made.

Simon Magus (Acts 8) attempted to buy the Holy Ghost, but was censured by Peter for his abomination. It just can't be done. Neither your works nor your money will bring that glorious presence into your heart. A sinless life will.

## 2. REPENTANCE AND BAPTISM

Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Peter here directed his immense congregation on the day of Pentecost to make their peace with God, and receive His spiritual fulness. Repentance is an inward act of faith, cleansing from sin and separating from the world. Baptism is an outward act of obedience, signifying the inward work of grace, symbolizing the spiritual death unto sin and resurrection unto life. Baptism without repentance is impotent. *But the spiritual value of water baptism must not be diminished.* The rite is no less important than it was in apostolic days. It is a fulfillment of righteousness and a requirement of spirituality.

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# EDITORIALS . . .

## GREENVILLE CHURCH BURNS

Pastor Earl P. Paulk lists damages as \$200,000, with only \$50,000 insurance. (Greenville church had the largest seating capacity of any of our churches—approximately 2,000.)

August 6, about 2:30 A. M., Earl P. Paulk, Jr., who lives across the street from the church, was awakened by something falling, which he thought was on his porch, but discovered that flames were then leaping from the church roof. The Fire Department was immediately called and firemen (three crews) worked for nearly three hours. One fireman, Mr. Charles Wilson, suffered a chest concussion, and possible shoulder fracture, when the roof fell in, pushing the wall out on which his ladder was resting. He was rushed to the hospital. Earl, Junior, while attempting to open a window which was chopped open by a fireman from the inside, was cut by the fireman's ax. Another person, who was helping, was hurt, but all their work was of no avail, for the large building, including the addition just being completed at a cost of approximately \$40,000, was burned.

Our own Brother Paulk, who is enthusiasm, energy, and determination personified, met with his eight members of the church board, on the grounds, while the ruins were still smoking, to make plans for the services.

You can imagine with what great disappointment they were faced, for the fire had completely destroyed everything, including the auditorium seating approximately 2,000 persons, all the Sunday School rooms, pastor's study, dressing rooms, baptistry, and choir equipped with opera seats for 180 persons. Those beautiful chimes costing \$3,275 are to be heard no more, nor the three pianos and twenty musical instruments.

"They Will Rebuild" is the title of the editorial of the *Greenville Piedmont* (newspaper) which I give as follows:

### "They Will Rebuild"

"The sympathy of the community goes out to members of the Church of God, whose edifice in the Dunear area was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

"The burning of a church is always a calamity, especially when, as was the case in the Church of God loss, part of the plant had just been completed.

"Even so, complete destruction of a house of worship is never fatal, for congregations ever turn to the task of rebuilding, just as we know the Reverend Earl P. Paulk and his flock will do.

"Loss of a \$200,000 church plant, however, strikes hard and with only \$50,000 insurance to start on, this congregation faces a heavy burden in replacing the facilities they have labored over the years to provide.

"It will have the interest of the community as it goes about the task, for this congregation holds a warm place in the affection of the people, and its pastor, Mr. Paulk, is held especially—and deservedly—in high esteem."

The church was carrying all the insurance allowed on the building, since it was just outside the city limits of Greenville.

The sympathy of the entire Church, I am sure, is yours, Greenville, and we shall look with eagerness for your latter house to be greater than that of the former.

## JEWS—SIX MILLION MURDERED

Under Hitler's Nazi regime, 6,000,000 Jews were murdered. You hardly realize how many that means. It would mean approximately the same thing as if every man, woman, and child were killed in Chicago, Los Angeles, and Detroit, or all the people that live in Tennessee and Georgia combined, were killed (1940 census). Would we be stirred if everyone in these states were killed? Yes, I'm sure we would, for there would be some of our relatives involved; but since those Jews are across the ocean, we scarcely think of it. Do we care as we should? Why are we not stirred? Never has a race of people in any country suffered such a loss in so short a time. But the end is not yet. "The time of Jacob's trouble," Jeremiah 30:7. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be," Matt. 24:21. It is my opinion that the Jew is still the world's problem number one, for after he is returned to Palestine he will be in the middle of the great Armageddon battle.

Because of fear from destruction of the atomic bomb, the nations, no doubt, will draft some sort of a peace pact, return the Jews to Palestine and then cry, "Peace and safety," but sudden destruction will come upon them. These are days of great concern.

## 40 MILLION IN SOUTH NOT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

RIDGECREST, N. C. (RNS)—Forty million persons in the South do not attend Sunday School at any church, according to a report presented by the Department of Statistics, Survey and Information of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to the Southern Baptist Sunday School conferences here.

Herman L. King, Secretary of Standards and Records for the Board, pointed out that about 18,400,000 of the forty million persons are adults.

"There are 2,400,000 babies of cradle roll age; 1,448,000 beginners; 1,944,000 of primary age; 3,784,000 juniors; 2,928,000 intermediates; 5,096,000 young people; 18,400,000 adults, and 5,000 extension Sunday School prospects (Sunday workers and invalids who cannot attend)—all of whom should be enlisted in Sunday Schools.

The survey covered the twenty Southern states which make up the Southern Baptist Convention territory, in which there are more than six million Baptists.

## BAN DISTRIBUTION OF GIDEON BIBLES

MANCHESTER, N. H. (RNS)—The State Board of Education has banned distribution of Gideon Bibles in New Hampshire's public elementary and secondary schools which come under the supervision of the State's teachers colleges.

Dr. Edgar Fuller, commissioner of education, said that while the ban did not apply to school systems which have a superintendent, the Board will continue its study to determine a course of action in their respect.

The Board's action resulted from protests by some Christians and non-Christians against circulation of the Gideon Bible in public schools.

# BIBLE GLINTS <sup>and</sup> Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



## COMMUNISM

Frankly, it grieves my heart to print such things as are written by the Communists, but in fairness to you I pass on some of those things, because for the most part you otherwise could not conceive that such blasphemous things are said and done by them. Can you feature such as this song sung by them to the tune of "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"?

### "A Blasphemous Communist War Song

"Onward, Christian soldiers! Duty's way is plain;  
Slay your Christian neighbors, or by them be slain.  
Pulpiters are spouting effervescent swill,  
God above is calling you to rob and rape and kill.  
'All your acts are sanctified by the Lamb on high;  
If you love the Holy Ghost, go murder, pray and die.  
Onward, Christian soldiers! Eat and drink your fill!  
Rob with bloody fingers, Christ O. K.'s the bill.  
'Steal the farmers' savings, take their grain and meat;  
Even though the children starve, the Saviour's bums must eat.

Burn the peasants' cottages, orphans leave bereft;  
In Jehovah's holy name, wreak ruin right and left.  
'Onward, Christian soldiers! Drench the land with gore;  
Mercy is a weakness all the gods abhor.  
Bayonet the babies, jab the mothers too,  
Hoist the cross of Calvary to hallow all you do.  
'File your bullets' noses flat, poison every well;  
God decrees your enemies must all go plum to hell.'

"Such blasphemous hymns are sung by the Communists. They hate all free countries; but our country, America, being the freest country of all, is more hated and despised by the Communists than any other country, because the Communists hate freedom."—OLE HANSON, Former Mayor of Seattle, Wash., in *Russia Calling*.

### "The Bible—Book of Greatest Deception

"There is only one publishing house in the world that has the same appearance (of the Communist Central Publishing House in Moscow). It is in London and it prints a book in scores of languages. It prints *only one book*. This is the *Bible*, the book of greatest class deception, the tool of imperialists for befogging the people."—PRAVDA, Official Organ of the Soviets. Moscow, July 7, 1929.

### DO PASTORS STAY TOO LONG AT ONE PLACE?

Robert G. Lee, Ph. D., was pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, for twenty years. Dr. Lee was graduated from Furman University and Chicago Law School (Ph. D.) and was fellow student of that Bible-loving and stalwart Baptist member of the U. S. Congress, Joseph R. Bryson. He took up his pastorate there on December 11, 1927. I am informed that his first text was Judges 20:11: "So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, KNIT TOGETHER AS ONE MAN."

The motto of his ministry is: "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved," 2 Cor. 12:15.

The motto of his church is: "In this church membership everybody is somebody, and every visitor an honored guest."

The membership of the Bellevue Church in 1927 was 1,430; last year, nineteen years later, it was 7,393—almost six thousand increase in nineteen years. For 1946, there were 1,000 additions, 373 by baptism. Their average Sunday School attendance is 2,243; the highest, 2,771.

During the nineteen years, \$1,972,924.23 has been given for all causes; \$572,337.21 to mission causes. Last year, when asked for a love offering of \$30,000 for a new building, the people joyfully gave \$56,000—nearly twice the amount for which they were asked.

The Women's Missionary Union, of 1,176 members, gave \$37,543.44. And just think, pastors, he has sixty deacons and fifteen honorary deacons in his church, and an excellent staff of official helpers.

This picture, you may think, is too large for us, but may I say as the little boy who set the goose egg in front of his little Bantam hen, "Now do the best you can."

## THE BUMBLEBEE CANNOT FLY

According to the theory of aerodynamics, and as may be readily demonstrated through laboratory tests and wind-tunnel experiments, the bumblebee is unable to fly. This is because the size, weight, and shape of his body, in relation to the total wingspread, makes flying impossible.

But . . . the bumblebee, being ignorant of these profound scientific truths, goes ahead and flies anyway, and manages to make a little honey every day!

The work of the world is done by people just like the bumblebee, who, not being aware of his incapacity, went ahead with diligence to do his job.

The tasks which confront the average man who would face the world in a courageous Christian spirit are impossible of achievement. They can only be accomplished by the man who forgets his incapacity in remembering God and others. To such a man there are no insurmountable obstacles.—*Central College Bulletin*.

## BIBLE: THE WORLD'S BEST SELLER

President Harry S. Truman, a few days ago, in an address to the American Bible Society, said: "The Bible, the embodiment of the wealth and wisdom of the ages, happily is still the world's best seller. I am afraid that we, of this generation, do not know our Bible as well as did our fathers and mothers. It is well for us to remember that the Old and New Testaments remain, as they have always been, a source of strength and comfort and inspiration to all who will seek the wisdom which they hold."

# The Schoolroom

(Excerpts from the sermon preached at the District Fellowship Meeting in Dyersburg, Tennessee, February 23, by Rev. E. L. Newton, pastor of the church at Covington, Louisiana, as he was en route to the National Youth Committee Meeting in Eldorado, Illinois.)

Text: "Teach me thy way, O Lord,"  
Psalms 27:11.

Our text pictures to us a schoolroom. For a schoolroom to be complete there are three essential things—first, a teacher; second, scholars; and third, textbooks, which furnish to us our lessons for study.

There is no other Bible character that could have given to us such a text which would be any more effective than the Psalmist David. This man had been a very outstanding character and he has been named to us as one whose heart was perfect before the Lord, but after failing God and committing sin, as all Bible students are familiar with, David can now cry out in the words of the text—**TEACH ME THY WAY, O LORD.**

The trouble with most of us is that we are not teachable. By our conduct and attitude we seem to feel that we know better how to live than God knows how to teach us to live.

The text has suggested to us a teacher, which, in this case, is the Lord. In our public schools those charged with the responsibility of securing teachers, hire those who are experienced and qualified for teaching. The Lord Jesus Christ is a qualified teacher. He came from heaven to live in this world and to experience those things that mankind has to face in this world, and by so doing qualify Himself as a teacher and instructor to mankind. He lived free from sin because it is said of Him that in Him is no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. If He had not qualified Himself in this manner as our teacher, it could easily have been said that He was not qualified as our teacher, having never faced sin as mankind is faced with it. He was incarnated in the form of flesh and became our rightful example and teacher.

A schoolroom would not be complete merely with a teacher. It must have scholars and pupils. The Psalmist David said to the Lord, "Teach ME." He was not so much concerned in the other students, as he was interested in receiving the instruction as an individual. In order for a



Rev. E. L. Newton

scholar to pass his final examination in school, he himself must learn as he is taught. It is not the learning received by others that will enable us to pass the final examination. This is the reason David said, "Teach me."

It is easy for us to become lopsided if we especially like some particular subject above that of another. When I was teaching in high school in the State of Mississippi, there was one young man that made very, very poor grades in all his subjects with the exception of one. In this particular subject he made one of the two highest grades that were made in the final examination. This was much to my surprise, because of his very poor grades in all his other subjects. Many of us Christians are exactly like this young man. We adhere to the teachings of Christ as they are proclaimed or preached to us, just as long as they are on the subject that suits us, but on many of the subjects of Christ's teachings we are like the young man I referred to in high school—we make a complete failure because we don't like the subject. In order to pass a high-school examination, or to receive a college degree, we must pass our examinations or make good grades on all subjects as prescribed in the

curriculum. After making a miserable failure, David was willing to receive instruction from the great Teacher on all subjects as outlined in the school of the great Teacher.

The third outstanding fact in connection with the text is that a schoolroom is not complete merely with the securing of a properly trained teacher and a room filled with scholars. It is necessary to have textbooks on the various subjects to be taught. The lessons that David desired to learn were found in the textbook "The Way" (the Bible). The lessons for us to learn are the teachings of Christ, which are referred to as **THE WAY**. John 14:4-6: "And whither I go ye know, and **THE WAY** ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest, and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the **WAY**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Again in John 10:1, 10, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Here we are informed that Christ is **THE WAY**. There is no chance for us to be mistaken. We have the scripture and it is plainly brought to us and there is no way to mistake the **WAY** of eternal life. We are to come into the sheepfold by the way Christ has outlined. The above scripture says His coming was that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

Just before the great Teacher's ascension back to the Father, He taught the disciples concerning the third person in the Godhead, which is the Holy Ghost. Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Acts 1:4, 5, "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me . . . ye shall be baptized with

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# Man's God-God's Man \*

By  
Rev. Leonard  
Carroll

We need to return to old-time Pentecost. We need to give our bodies over completely to the will of God. We don't need entertainment. The thing that made Grandma shout her bonnet back on her head is what we need today.

How can we lose the power? By giving over to the world. I had rather be Spirit-filled tonight than have a note to the United States treasury. I had rather be a Lazarus by the gate and have the promise of the Father than be a rich man without Jesus. Just the plain, simple gospel of Christ, preached from a heart that has found Him sufficient, will do more to turn the world to Jesus than anything else. We must bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every rock in the mountains tells you that you must be holy. Every dewdrop proves that God is holy. God is able to bless without measure. I would ask you to look up and see God's man and man's God. We are made to tremble within us to think which way the world will turn today. How a child has been brought up will be the dominant thing when he is a man and is put on the spot. If it would mean to have the head chopped from the shoulders, let us humbly say, "If ye slay me, yet will I serve you."

Man gets no higher than his god. Your conception of God determines how high you get in this world. Israel cast her eyes down and she dropped to the worship of flies, etc. If you have not established a good conception of God, that is the first thing you must do to have Him. The world is to learn the lesson today that man does not have the moral resources within him to live the life he should live. Our findings and our ideas mean nothing whatsoever. It is what "thus saith the Lord."

Many people go to church and do acts of charity but never ask themselves, "Am I a Christian? Am I what God would have me to be?" and never realize the error until they slip down into hell. We are at a serious moment. We are facing things that we have never faced before. Jesus came down to show us our relationship with Him. The Father took a little bit of

clay and moulded it into a man and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Jesus said, "When you see me, you see the Father." Everything within you and about you tells you that the Son of Man is right here. Won't you look up and see Him, look full in His wonderful face? You say, "That would be a wonderful thing."

Judaism is a good standard, a good way of life, as far as it goes. Mohammedanism is a good way as far as it goes. But they lack something to help people live that which they go by. Jesus proposed a real power in the lives of them that serve Him, enabling them to live holy. God is going to have a separate people if He has to raise up stones to praise Him. He is going to have a group that is distinctly different from the world, if all hell prevails. "I will put in you that thing that will make you sanctified, filled with the Spirit, able to stand." Our Lord is real. There is a witness of the Spirit within. You can live in the mouth of hell and still be tinged with the power of God if you want to. You think of Mickey Mouse and all you can talk about is Mickey Mouse. So many are on the level of Donald Duck. As a man thinks so is he. If we would think on Jesus, we could revolutionize this town for Jesus. Praise God with everything about you.

I one time thought it was foolish, but I didn't know anything about it. Now I can stand by that brother preacher of mine. You can be as pure as a dewdrop, if you will get that much of Jesus in your soul. You don't have to worry about being filled with the Spirit. If you will clean up your life, these things will come in. You don't grow weeds out of your garden. You pull them out. You don't grow into holiness, but you grow as you get the blessing. His power is so real and you can be so full you will be running over. Let God have His way and you will be a happy person.

Man bears the finger-marks of Jesus and it has not been intended that he retrograde to the dumps, but that he would be the one in whom He would have favor. Jesus came and said He would defeat the power of

the enemy, He would go to the cross to make plain the way, that a little one need not err therein. You can't say you don't see it. It is right before you tonight. You can't live right within your own strength, but Jesus has the necessary things to make you a well-rounded person, the Holy Ghost with the speaking in tongues. You may be ashamed of it. Let God have His way. His power is real. We have the thing the world is crying for. Let the world say what it will, the Church of God is right anyway.

Pentecost is glorious. Oh, wonderful God that made such a provision for His people! "I will put something in you that if hell goes against you, you can be unspotted from the world." It will make something turn over within you if you will say, "Let me be a monument for you." I am glad I know one Friend who can put a hand down on me and the world can't touch me. God is far abler to do than we can even think. He will keep that which is entrusted to Him. Micah said, "As the Lord liveth, the things you give me to speak I will speak." If your own family turns against you, it shouldn't make you sneak off. If my life is only one week long, I want to give it unstintingly to Him. God sees more in every one than does anybody else. He saw in a little tongue-tied boy a deliverer of His people. He saw in Lincoln more than a rail splitter. He sees more in you than your mother or dad does.

You know you should live holy. This is the most blessed thing in the world. If you run the gamut of sin, you will still bear the marks of sin. A boy came to me one night with his face all cut and I sewed it up. I asked, "Son, who did this?" He said, "Oh, a friend of mine." I said, "No, he is not your friend." One who will mistreat you is not your friend. The devil pays off but it is ruin and hell. He will take away the very essentials that make life happy. Run in your own way and God says your way is not His. Jesus paved the way and nothing else will do; but confess and believe and you shall be saved, sanc-

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\* Message preached at Tennessee camp meeting recently.

**Sermon preached on Sunday morning,  
June 22, 1947, by J. Andrew Rafferty  
in the Church of God, Washington, D. C.**

## MANIFESTATIONS *of the* SPIRIT *or What Makes Churches What They Are?*

**Text: Gal. 1:13, "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God."**

Just as surely as the apostle Paul persecuted the Church of God and wasted it in his time, so are many who are doing the same today, and I am sorry to say that they are not all sinners and outsiders, but those who seem to do the most damage are often members and sometimes leading members.

We believe in the manifestations of the Spirit, and when people seem spiritual we are too often ready to accept their judgment and give ear to their accusations, without the proper investigation as to their motives or experience.

One of the main things that make a church grow and become large is that big people belong to it, not big in stature but they have something down inside that makes them big. A little church is made little because it is filled with little people, who usually have selfish ideas and, if any progress is made, the cry of "Growing Worldly" is heard. Remember this throughout your lifetime—when you see a little church and it stays little, you can be sure it has a lot of little people in it. I don't mean to say that they are all little people, but they have enough little ones to make it stay little.

The reason why the Washington church is going ahead and growing is not because I am pastor, but because we have some of the biggest, some of the most open-minded, some of the most progressive men and women I have ever met. You won't find any man or woman in this church that is small or little enough to think or try to force upon the rest of the congregation his theories or teachings, and for the sake of the promotion of God's work they are willing to humble themselves. The lack of this kind of people is what is making many of our churches small. They will stay small until they change. The majority of



*Rev. J. Andrew Rafferty*

people who are hardhearted and not willing to yield, are hanging to paths of misinformation and misteaching. They have listened to teachers who, because God blessed them in something, failed to seek the truth in the Bible, and when light is brought to them, they refuse to accept it by pointing back to the place where God blessed them. It is time for those who have heard the truth to stop and think, because the patience of God will become exhausted and He will let them down, if they do not accept the truth. But, there are many who will not accept the truth because it is not what they were taught by the preacher under whose ministry they were saved, or for some other reason; but we, as a whole, have moved up some and we did not let down on the standard. Let's see if we have.

Listen, brother, if God blessed you in ignorance, how much more will He

bless you if you come into the truth, and practice it? I want the Church of God to become large and be open-minded enough to recognize the truth and live up to it. When you were first saved you did not believe everything you do now; you have moved up. There will always come times when God will release to us more truth, because He said from the lips of the Son of God, the Holy Ghost would lead us into all truth, thus signifying that all truth was not received at once.

God's church progresses. Paul the apostle was a progressive man and he proved it by manifestations of the Spirit. There are some churches that at one time were spiritual and had large organizations, but now have gone into worldliness and sin because they failed to move up when God pointed the way. (They refused the baptism with the Holy Ghost.) What has happened to the churches of today is not because they failed to have religion, but because they failed to move up, and, as the Jews at Antioch began to contradict and to blaspheme, they, too, denied the truth.

Now, friends, you know that this exists in the Church of God, too. Some of our preachers, as well as people, are stuck and want others to stick with them. From this group you may count me out, for with the apostle Paul I intend to "press toward the mark of the HIGH CALLING OF GOD."

Paul said, "The manifestations of the Spirit are given to every man to profit." One of the greatest manifestations of the Spirit in a man's life is when it shows forth the fruits of the Spirit, which are: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, MEEKNESS, GOODNESS, AND FAITH. Shouting and talking in tongues are manifestations, too, but the former are better. How many people have shouted and talked in tongues and have not manifested love. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or tinkling cymbal."



You haven't the real Spirit of God behind your actions. When they do not profit, they are not God's actions or the Spirit's actions.

#### THE CHURCH THAT IS STUNTED IN GROWTH

Some people feel that to keep their church clean they have to put everybody out who does not do just as they believe. They cannot keep it clean; it will take the blood of Christ, and if you don't have that, you might as well stop trying to keep it clean. The Lord let Judas stay in the number until he finally betrayed it. We have a lot of people who can't stand that. They haven't love. When men come along and see the tares growing, they want to pull them up, but the Lord said to leave them alone lest you tear up some of the fruit. Our Church should have been much larger than at present, except for just this sort of thing. This church should have had a membership of 500. If you have people who are not living right, get down to business and get them to living right. Do not turn them out. The Bible said, "Ye who are spiritual, restore such an one."

The Lord went down after that one lost sheep. One day there was a group of religious men and women who were so religious and zealous they finally killed the Lord Jesus Christ. This fine group of men attended the church. Do you know about them? The Pharisees were dragging the woman up to the Lord. They brought her and were going to finish the Lord and her also. The same group that was about to condemn the woman for sin was no less guilty. They told the Lord, "We know you have been soft with sinners. You even eat with sinners." We should love the sinners. We should love them to bring them in. Jesus came to save the sinners. We are here to do just this. We love the sinners. The Lord could have saved Himself a lot of embarrassment by letting them stone her. Her dress was torn and she was crying and pleading with the men to have mercy on her. How many people have asked us to have mercy on them, but we have put them out? Their blood will be on your head because of that, my brother. The Lord saw her begging for mercy. The men should have had mercy, but they stuck by the law. You can stick right by the Minutes of the Church, but those Minutes are made to help people, and to be something that will bring them to salvation, and not to be hard and unforgiving. The Pharisees were doing just as we have done in the past. We say, "You follow

these Minutes or..."

The Lord looked at the woman again. He wasn't stumped for a minute because He had something besides the hope and determination to clean up. He could have done this. Certainly He was tempted to do it. We are tempted to do this when we hear of some of our members doing something we don't think is right. The Lord looked on her; and if it had not been for Him, she would have GONE OUT OF THIS WORLD THINKING RELIGIOUS MEN WERE FILLED WITH HATE. Jesus knew that every one of those men had a skeleton in the closet. He told them that if one of them had no sin, let him cast the first stone. He stooped down and wrote in the sand, telling each of his sin. Most of us live in glass houses. We may not have committed adultery, but what about the time you talked about your neighbor? The Lord forgave her and told her to go and sin no more. Do we manifest the love of Christ as He did?

If we love Him, we should manifest this spirit of love. We want people to know us as a church who loves people even in their sins. We have rules in our house. Our children don't dare to break a window in our home. If they do break a window, you don't put them out. The Bible teaches you should put out from among yourselves that person that is wicked. It reads: "Put away from among yourselves that wicked person." Now just what is a wicked person? You wouldn't go to the orphanage and adopt a child whose parents you knew were thieves and whose background you knew was bad. Neither would you adopt a child after it was about fourteen years old who you knew was no good. You wouldn't want it in your house. But if, when it was a baby, you had adopted it, and you had brought it up, then it began to do things that were wrong, it would be a different story. You would do something to keep it instead of putting it out, and you would be longsuffering about it. This does not mean we can't put people out of the Church, but it means we should deal and manifest more love of God in dealing with them.

1 Cor. 2:4, 5: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

My mind tells me I should do a lot of things, but when God saved me out

in a little country house, He changed my mind and I looked on things in a different way. My wife looked better, the people of the Church of God looked different, and the preacher looked as if he were all right. Everything with which I was connected looked different. A few years later, I became a little different. I got an old hard spirit, because I was sent to pastor a church where there was one or two men who were hard and cruel, and the church was small. They felt that I should deal with this and with that, preach this and preach that. A woman came to me the day I went to pastor the church, and said, "Brother Raftery, we are glad you have come to pastor our church, but you have got to preach at least once or twice a month, and maybe every Sunday morning, on the women wearing long sleeves." I said, "If I have to preach that on my own volition, without the Spirit of God, I will take my hat and go."

If you listen to that for a little while, you will soon see it that way yourself. You won't look at all the goodness of the Church. You won't look at all the good ones, but you will look at the one woman or man. Like the man who was judging a picture. He was looking at a picture of hundreds of sheep which were all white. But down in the corner the artist had forgotten to paint one sheep. The man admired this picture and judged it best until he noticed the little black sheep. Then he changed his mind. Isn't this typical of us? We need to be much bigger than that.

These people kept after me until I became narrow, so narrow I could see all of the bad and hardly any good; but, thank God, He didn't leave me like that. God sent a little orphan girl to this church one Sunday and she didn't have very many clothes. The ones she had all had short sleeves, low neck, and were rather short. She sat throughout the sermon and I noticed she was deeply touched and was crying. After the message was over, and the altar call was given, she made her way to the altar. Our men and women gathered around her and prayed her through to victory. She shouted all over that place, because she also received the baptism of the Holy Ghost that night. The next Sunday she came back to church; and, of course, her clothes were of the same description, since being an orphan she had no means of buying any others. Some of

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# For Jesus' Sake ★

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We please not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord—for Jesus' sake.

"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will," Eph. 1:5.

There is an attraction with God.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you," Eph. 4:32. Not because you were good or outstanding, but for Jesus' sake.

I am accepted of God for Jesus' sake.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you," John 15:7.

God will give us that which we need for Jesus' sake.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:32.

God, for Christ's sake, will provide you with everything you need to carry on this work. Here is the attraction. God, for Christ's sake, hears your prayer. Only in His name will He hear you.

There is a devil. There is sin. There is wickedness. There is misery. There is woe. There is distress. There is a hell. But God loved us and gave His Son, and Christ died for us and arose, coming out of the grave, and is interceding with the Father for us, and God for His sake will hear us. God, for Christ's sake, is ready to move for us.

In the garden we see old Satan acting upon man before he acts in man. God will act upon men first. Tell men about the blood, the power to save. Act upon men first, then act in men. Jesus said you shall receive power first, then the Holy Ghost comes upon you, then He acts in you, then He acts out of you. We rejoice when He acts upon us; God rejoices when He acts out of us. Let Him act out while He is acting in. Let us make Him acceptable to other men. There is an attraction. Here is where I get my inspiration—doing for Jesus' sake, not for anybody's sake but for Jesus' sake. I do, for

Christ's sake, this duty to my Father. God gave His Son. The only way you can requite love is by love returned. Can I return my love to God? When I do, I return everything else



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to God. God, for Christ's sake, gave me a heart full of love.

I want more power. Let the Holy Ghost shed abroad the power. God is motivated by love. He filled you with the love of God, not love for God. God said, "I commend my love to you. I am going to show you power. I am going to come myself to you for Christ's sake."

The teacher, preacher, schoolteacher, and Sunday School teacher—four—meet in the child. The minister and the policeman meet in the child, both ministering for the child. Let us do it for Christ's sake. Everyone is a minister. Can we minister in spiritual things? O Lord, I am impressed to serve you better than ever. I can do it for Jesus' sake. If you can forget my worst, I can forget the other person's worst. I can forgive for Jesus' sake.

I have a duty to the Church of God. Thirty-one years ago I came into the Church and the Church has been my home. The Church helped people to pray me out of the jaws of death. God brought me out. The Church is going to stand by and help our children and grandchildren. I want to keep it

pure and spiritual, full of love, friendly, and sanctified. I owe it to the Church. It doesn't owe me anything.

What can we do for the world? We can, for Jesus' sake, leave this meeting and go out after the lost, no matter how ugly or hateful they have been. Jesus who died for them commanded that I tell them strongly of the redeeming blood, just for Jesus' sake. I can't waste my time and say I am doing it for Christ's sake. It seems every bone in me cries, "Go on out for the lost, for His sake." Let us go forth as servants of the Lord and let Him work upon the congregation—act upon the people first. The devil is logical. We can't be too logical or rational. Just say, "Jesus said it," and pray God to put power in it. So many preachers are dead spiritually, studying logic instead of saying, "I am doing it for Christ's sake." They are growing bald-headed. Say, "Jesus, if you gave your life to die in shame for me, I will give mine for your glorious gospel." Just be running over with zeal, enthusiasm, love, determination, for Jesus' sake.

Sometimes when you are feeling a little dull, just try saying, "Just for Jesus' sake." If you believe in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, for Jesus' sake.

\* Message preached at the Tennessee camp meeting recently.

## RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST?

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Peter preached repentance and baptism in order that one might be baptized with the Spirit. Obey that. It is commanded of you. However, if circumstances are such that you are unable to be baptized immediately, God will not withhold the blessing from you until that time. Remember this, He knows whether or not you will be faithful in this rite. Cornelius was perfectly willing and determined to be baptized, therefore God filled him and his house with the Holy Ghost and let them be baptized afterward. (Acts 10:46-48.) You are advised to be baptized at the very first opportunity after your conversion—it is an essential ordinance. The Holy Ghost succeeds repentance and baptism, but will precede baptism if the immediate performance of this rite is **ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE**. Baptism is not optional, it is compulsory to the Christian life. Repent and be baptized.

(To be continued)

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD  
Executive Missions Secretary



## The Church of God in Germany

Dear Brother Brinsfield:

...We have heard of Walter's arrival and how lovely you were to meet him and buy him some new clothes. We were sorry to let him go like he had to go, but there is no possibility of our doing any better over here. We cannot express in words our appreciation for all these things and the privilege Walter has to attend our Bible Training School. May this turn out to God's glory, that Walter lay his life down for his Lord and His Church.

I am on the lookout for a car and hope to succeed in finding one by next fall. Thank you for your willingness to help us. The work of the Lord is coming wonderfully. We are enjoying the outpouring of the Lord's Spirit on His children. The month of June was the best we have seen in the falling of the latter rain. It will be in the next report. The fire is burning. We also have meetings in the open air on the market square and in the main streets. These are great successes. Last Monday we were in a town called Moenchsberg near Herrenberg, where we have a young work. After the service we had in the cottage, I felt led of the Lord to

hold a street service. This made the second time we have done that. The first meeting we had was a success and the town was alarmed. There were about 300 listening to the full-gospel message and God blessed. The young people are especially being caught in the grip of conviction power. Amen and amen! Oh praise the Lord, who is so sweet to give us the victory everywhere we go! Yes, we can say from experience, as Paul: "Thanks be to God which always causeth us to triumph, in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." As in this town, so it is in another town, Allmersbach, near Backnang, where a young work has been started. The Lord definitely led us to go, after a good prayer meeting, out on the street. We feel that this is the way the Lord leads. To catch the fish we have to go out on high water and not fear, for He said, "I will make you fishers of men." We must be like Christ. He went from village to village to preach the will of God. He gave us the message and said, "Go ye." We need more people with this "go ye" in their bones, so much so that they

cannot stay at home any longer.

We have some very nice young people who are getting this "go ye" spirit and they are saying what the Lord has for them to say. On the day of Pentecost, we had a young people's gathering at Geislingen from Saturday evening until Monday evening. The Lord surely did bless our young people. There were about 160 present. We also organized our Y.P.E. in Germany. Brother Gottlob Maile, of Oberlenningen near Kirchheim Teck, one of our young preachers, is the Y.P.E. president. We call our organization "Jugendwerk der Gemeinde Gottes." Sister Else Schmid is the secretary. She lives at Geislingen Steige.

A fortnight ago, on Sunday evening, we had a baptismal service. U.S. Army Chaplain, Captain Walter Ptashnik, of Esslingen, and his wife were with us. They brought with them Rev. Gustav Kindermann, Field Secretary for European Assemblies of God, also Rev. C. W. Loenser, Rev. Wolfart Rossdorf, and Brother Witt. We surely enjoyed their fellowship and they were blessed in our midst. Capt. Ptashnik said in his speech that he surely did enjoy being with us. He said he had seen many German churches (Pentecostal) but our work was the best he had seen so far in Germany. He was happy to see so many young people and was astonished about how they could sing and praise the Lord. He made pictures of the throng that went out to the meeting. I will ask him to let me have some of the pictures and send them to you. Capt. Ptashnik was very kind to us and he will assist us in getting assembly rooms in different towns. Pray for us because we want to establish the Church of God in Germany.

Humbly yours,  
Brother and Sister Herman  
Lauster.

## Notice! Used Clothing Drive

WE ARE BEGINNING A CLOTHING DRIVE THIS WEEK. SEND ALL YOUR USED CLOTHING TO THE MISSIONS OFFICE. READ THE DETAILS IN NEXT WEEK'S EVANGEL.



# Reports

## FROM THE FIELD

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### Figures from Another Wimauma Camp Meeting and Florida State Convention

#### STATE OVERSEER'S CAMP MEETING REPORT

Number of churches .....	124
Number of members .....	6,223
Number converted .....	1,902
Number sanctified .....	1,147
Number baptized with the Holy Ghost .....	919
Number baptized in water ..	795
Net increase in membership .....	513
Number new churches organized .....	9
Number new church buildings .....	25
Number new cottages on campground .....	30
Number new parsonages .....	13
Total tithes paid .....	\$265,702.10
Help for underpaid pastors ..	7,522.83
Money raised by L.W.W.B. ..	37,283.36
District convention mission offerings .....	5,637.02
State convention mission offering .....	12,087.48
State convention orphanage offering .....	6,387.26
Coupons for Orphanage .....	128,000

We are indeed grateful to each minister, member, and friend of the Church who has made this report possible.

From the Tampa District, M. M. Thomas, overseer, comes the largest district mission offering, \$1,414.74. From Ft. Myers Church, E. M. Ellis, pastor, comes the largest local church mission offering, \$622.03. — *Florida State News.*

#### His Grace Is Sufficient

DREW, Miss.—I praise God for His wonderful keeping power. I never get to attend church or be with any Christian people, but God gives me power to overcome the enemy. Sometimes I am sorely tried but I know His grace is sufficient to take me through. I have trusted the Lord for thirty years and I thank Him for His healing power. Just recently I was very sick and God wonderfully healed me. I feel like saying as Job: "Though he

slay me, yet will I trust in him."

Please pray for my sons, they are sinners. Remember me, I want to be ready when Jesus calls for me.—Mrs. H. S. Miller.

#### Still Have Faith in God

About fourteen years ago, I received the Holy Ghost and was healed of gall bladder trouble. I still have faith in God. Recently I was suffering and I placed the Bible on my side and asked God to heal me. I went to sleep and didn't awake until the next morning and I am still healed. I want the Christians to pray that I will be faithful until the end.—Maggie Purvis, Miami, Fla.

#### God Certainly Did Lead

We have just closed a glorious revival at the Church of God in Middletown, Ohio, with Brother and Sister Ivan R. Stone as the evangelists. Truly this was the most blessed and profitable meeting we have experienced in a number of years. God marvelously blessed in every service, and one of the outstanding features of this meeting was that all who received definite experiences were adults, most of whom were heads of families. These were people saved and filled with the Holy Ghost who had never before received any experience in salvation. We shall probably never know in this world just how much good was accomplished, but as a result of this seven weeks' revival, there were eighteen saved, several sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one (adults) baptized in water, and fourteen added to the Church of God. Sixty-five adults took part in the Lord's supper and feet washing. Rev. John L. Stephens, pastor, and his good wife remarked that this was one of the greatest revivals they have ever experienced in all their years in the ministry. God certainly did lead in this revival. I believe everyone was in the will of God. Brother and Sister Stone will surely be rewarded for their efforts in this meeting. They showed such great interest in every soul who came

to the altar. No doubt, the Middletown church is in a better spiritual condition as a result of this meeting. Pray for this church, that God will continue to pour His blessings upon us.—Miss Louise Henderson, reporter.

#### Thank God for Healing

SCALY, N. C.—I thank God for His healing power. I have trusted Him for ten years and find Him a very present help in time of need. Earthly friends might forsake us but Jesus will never forsake us nor leave us alone, but will go with us even unto the end of the world.

Thank God for the precious blood of Jesus that cleanses from sin. In 1928, God spoke peace to my troubled soul; in 1937, I was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and I am happy in this good holiness way. I have been healed of eczema and other ailments and it is wonderful how God can heal our diseases. Remember my lost loved ones and that I might be ready when the Lord comes.—Mrs. Frank Vinson.

#### Wonderful Healings Through Prayer

WESSON, Miss.—I praise the dear Lord for His love and many blessings and for His healing power. Recently my father was critically ill. He was poisoned on food. We called the saints for prayer and they began weeping and praying and God marvelously touched his body.

My cousin was in a very bad condition. He had been in bed three months and was able to eat only a little broth. The Lord wonderfully healed him. When prayer was offered he arose and walked, praying and shouting.

I want to fulfill the work the Lord would have me to do and be true like Daniel when he was put in the lions' den. When the King called, Daniel 6:20b-22, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me."

May I ever prove true and lift up the Christian standard. Pray for my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. T. L. Russell.

# Revivals

## Florida Revivals

**TARPON SPRINGS**—We are reporting two revivals in one. There were nine saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. These meetings were conducted by Brothers McKinley and Joseph Daniels. We are still working on the church and parsonage, and when completed they will value \$18,000.—C. A. Drymon, pastor.

**THONOTOSASSA**—We had a good revival, with Vernon Crosby as the evangelist. There were fourteen saved, twelve sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost.—C. P. Jackson, pastor.

**VERO BEACH**—We had a fine revival in January, with John Adair as the evangelist. There were ten saved, five sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, two baptized in water, and four added to the church. We now have our CPA permit to build our new church, which we shall be starting soon. We expect to build a fine building, that will value at around \$15,000.—J. A. Duncan, pastor.

**WILDWOOD**—Brother J. H. Griffin has just closed a revival here. There were five saved, three sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We are building a new parsonage and ceiling the church overhead. We have the foundation for the parsonage poured and are two blocks high with the walls.—G. P. Pipkin, pastor.

**ZELLWOOD**—We had a successful revival, with Brother J. H. Griffin as the evangelist. There were four saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. We have spent \$294 on improvements for the parsonage.—Paul Johnson, pastor.

**PLACIDA**—We had a revival, with Brother Loran Hall as the evangelist. Five were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. We have a lot promised and as soon as we can get the arrangements made, we are going to build a block church.—B. G. Pomroy, pastor.

**PLANT CITY**—We had a great revival the last of February and the first of March, with Luther Turner as the evangelist. There were forty saved, seventeen sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty baptized in water, and seventeen added to the church.—L. H. Alford, pastor

—Florida State News.

## South Carolina Revivals

### Walterboro

God wonderfully blessed in a revival at Walterboro recently. There were sixteen saved, six sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church.

### Gap Hill

Rev. Clemon Allen conducted a revival at Gap Hill. There were sixteen saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church.

### Earle

Rev. N. M. Murphy conducted a revival at Earle. Thirty were saved, twenty-one sanctified, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-two added to the church.

### Marion

Rev. A. B. Whittington recently conducted a revival at Marion. There were twenty-nine saved, seventeen sanctified, seventeen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-three added to the church.

—South Carolina News.

**PERRY, OKLA.**—We recently closed a wonderful revival. Beulah Rush and her two sons were in charge. There were nineteen saved, nine sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water, and seventeen added to the church.

John W. Bryant, eighty-four years of age, was saved. Also, God touched his feeble body with His healing power.

May the blessings of the Lord be upon His people.—Mrs. Grace Zink.

**CONWAY, S. C.**—I praise God for a great outpouring of His Spirit. The evangelist, Rev. Enoch Church, was mightily anointed and many messages and interpretations were given. Quite

a few of our young people prayed through and one lady sixty-eight years old received the blessing. I have never seen the Holy Ghost manifested in Conway just like this before. Surely "this is that" spoken by the prophet Joel. There were twenty-seven saved, fifteen sanctified, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-four added to the church, and thirteen baptized in water.

We thank God for our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Giles, who have labored faithfully. God will reward them at that final day for their labors here.

Pray that God will continue to bless us at Conway.—Mrs. Claude C. Hyder.

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**La FOLLETTE, Tenn.**—We have just closed a great revival, with Rev. C. B. Donahue, of Chattanooga, as the evangelist. Record-breaking crowds attended through the entire seven weeks' revival. The mighty power of God was manifested in almost every service. There were fifty-two saved, forty-one sanctified, twenty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, forty-four added to the church, and twenty-four baptized in water.—Rev. Howard F. McGee, pastor.

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**HORSE BRANCH, Ky.**—We just closed a wonderful revival, with the writer doing the preaching. There were seven saved, eight sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church, and seven baptized in water. There was good interest through the entire meeting. The revival spirit is still prevailing and the saints are being greatly blessed.—Rev. John T. Case, Island, Ky.

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**TIMMS CHAPEL, Tenn.**—We are praising the Lord for a very successful revival that has just closed here. Brother Roy Shields was the evangelist. About twenty prayed through. We had a healing service, in which many were healed, and praise God for it. I thank God for the blessed revival.—L. Hall, pastor.

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**NEWRY, S. C.**—We are thankful for the good revival we have just closed. The Lord's power was manifested each night and souls were drawn closer to the Lord. Brother Carl Ellinburg was the evangelist. Some were saved and sanctified and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Four were added to the church and many people were blessed.—Mrs. Maggie Jenkins, clerk.

## MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT

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our men and women came to me and told me I would have to speak to the girl, that we couldn't stand for that sort of thing in the church. I was stumped by that because I knew the condition the girl was in. She could not afford and neither did she have anybody who would buy her clothes. When I didn't do anything about it, a man and his wife took it upon themselves to go to her home and tell her that she must dress differently.

It would be well to tell you right here that the man and woman who were so strict and straight, as they thought in this, could well have afforded to buy the girl a new wardrobe and, for that matter, have taken her into their home, had they been real Christians. Instead of that, they insisted upon something that she was unable to do. Of course, the girl backslid, fell away from God, and, no doubt, the blood of this girl will some day be upon the shoulders of that man and woman. But it served to bring me out of my narrow ways and from that day to this I have felt we need to bring them in and let the Holy Ghost bring them into the right way, with as little personal counselling as is necessary, and never with the spirit of the lawgiver.

Our job is not to be broad enough to bring a lot of people into the Church, but to be broad enough to bring a lot of people to Christ, and then to keep them.

## THE SCHOOLROOM

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the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

They appreciated the teachings and obeyed accordingly, for "when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

I want to tell you, brother, the teachings of Christ concerning the Holy Ghost were not only for those on the day of Pentecost but for us today. If we are to be good students under the instruction of the great Teacher, we will welcome the words of Acts 2:30, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

These are not the only teachings of Christ. They are merely a foundation course. Another of His teachings is love one for another. It is impossible to love God whom we have not seen unless we have love for God's children whom we have seen.

Another teaching of the great Instructor is this, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." We, as students in the school of this great Teacher, shall do well to learn the lesson of charity, and know what "pure religion" really means. We are to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We will not venture upon any questionable ground and we will shun even the appearance of evil. Many good Christian people who a few years ago had the victory, are today backslidden and without God in their lives because they failed to learn the lesson of tithing and giving from the great Teacher. In Malachi 3:7, we are told of a certain group of people who had gone away from God's ordinances or teachings; however, the Teacher was good enough to them to offer to give them a second examination. "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." These people had been wondering why they made such a low grade in God's school. They didn't realize they had been robbing God by failing to pay their tithes and give in offerings. The Teacher instructed them to learn the lesson of tithe paying and the place to pay their tithes—the storehouse, which is the Church. The challenge was to prove the Lord and see if He would not open your the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

People talk about having a hard time and hardly being able to make it through—I want to tell you now, if we will learn the lessons taught us by the great Teacher, we shall have as a result His blessings and promises that will sustain us in any trial or temptation. Until we do learn this lesson from the perfect Teacher, we shall continue to fail in His school of instruction by being deprived of His blessings and victory in our souls.

None of us could have ever become rich in spiritual things had it not been that Christ was willing to become poor in earthly things. His poverty laid the foundation for our riches.

## MAN'S GOD AND GOD'S MAN

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tified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the Church of God.

I think about this great God. He has done more for us than anybody else. As thou goest, thy way shall be opened up step by step before thee, leading you on peacefully through trials and temptations, victoriously. A great revelation has come to me. I said, "Lord, if you live in heaven and your promises are true, please show it to me." One day Sister Wise called and said, "Bring the anointing oil and come over and pray for me." She had a cancer. I said, "Sister Wise, if you go, when you get right on the brink, if God is still faithful and able to the very end, I want you to raise your hand." So when she came down to the end of the way, I stood by her bedside and waited. When it looked like she was just about gone, she feebly and slowly raised that little hand and I saw her lips moving. I put my ear right down to her lips and I heard her saying, "He is with me." Oh, such a Father! I am glad He is mine tonight.

"But," you say, "I have been so mean, what can I do?" One little boy said to his dad, "You have been a good dad but I want my portion of goods." His father gave it to him and he went away and spent all of his inheritance in riotous living. He came down to feeding swine. He said, "In my father's house there is plenty. I will arise and go." He went and his father met him. He said, "I am not asking for a robe or to be called a son, but to be called a servant." Oh, isn't it wonderful for people to love each other! But the oldest son was jealous that his father made a feast for the prodigal son, and put on him a robe, and a ring on his finger. He was not concerned that his brother had returned home. I challenge you tonight—you can't go far until you will see the Father coming to meet you with outstretched arms. Can you turn Him away? No. Every manly trait within you says, "Arise; run to the Rock that is higher than you, and He will meet you there." Say, "I will arise and go home." Hear Jesus when He says, "Come home. Come down; this night I will abide with you." Everything about you is saying that Jesus is coming. Come to Him tonight.



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